

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Park and Recreation Conference Room
11th Floor, City Hall
Monday, October 19, 2009
3:30 p.m.**

Present: Bryan Frye, Tom Roth, John Stevens, Andy Solter, Randy Brown, Cindy Claycomb

Absent: Matt Goolsby

Also Present: Doug Kupper, Director of Park and Recreation, Karen Walker, Assistant Director of Park and Recreation, Kelly Rundell, Deputy City Attorney, Lee Ann Sack, Clerk, Larry Hoetmer, Landscape Architect, Delores Silkworth, Mike Lindebak, RDG Planning and Design, Curt Van Boening, Wichita Audubon Society, Brent Wistran, Wichita Eagle

President Frye called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC AGENDA

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Brown, second by Stevens, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the Park Board Regular Meeting minutes of September 19, 2009.

Motion by Brown, second by Solter, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the Park Board Retreat minutes of September 19, 2009.

Item 2A: Presentation of Kingsbury Park Master Plan

Delores Silkworth and Mike Lindebak, RDG Planning and Design, presented a PowerPoint on the Kingsbury Site Master Plan. Kingsbury is envisioned to be a pinnacle park located North of K96 and West of the Arkansas River and East of Hoover Road. The area spans 420 acres and is currently being mined of sand by Cornejo to prepare the site for construction. A 215 acre lake will center the park. The design utilizes the natural prairie landscape. A folded design concept maximizes the shore line and reduces wave action and erosion. The sand mining leaves a 3-1 slope. A sand beach swimming area will be protected from waves by a small island.

A circulation of bike and walking paths along with vehicular roadways will loop the park to maximize usage. 2.7 miles of roadway are planned with 2220 parking stalls, much of it green parking. The primary parking areas will be on the south end of the park, where the higher activity is planned. 13.2 miles of paved trails and 1.5 miles of nature trails are designed.

Two bridges span the lake. One in the northwest area and one in the south central area near the main event buildings. This bridge will be a visual focus in the park. The 215 acre lake will be filled with activity. The lake will include a Jet Ski course, .5 mile crew course, cable wake park, fishing areas and boat launch for canoe, kayak, or sail boats. It is intended for the lake to be deep enough in the north end for scuba diving certification classes. Near the event buildings will be a 10 acre open lawn, playgrounds and a .58 mile boardwalk.

0 net energy is incorporated into the park design. There is enough potential for solar, wind and geo thermal energy to fulfill all energy requirements for the park. A variety of architectural collection devices can be explored.

The proposed special events building will be 40,000 square feet with a capacity of 1000 occupants. This building will have choice view of water activities. Two large enclosed shelters will be 6,750 square feet with 250 capacities. An Amphitheater is planned for 1000 seating. Additional open shelters will be positioned throughout the park. A Beach House and Heated Crappie House are included in the design.

168 acres will be restored native habitat. Native prairie grasses will be reintroduced after construction. 22 acres will be maintained areas near the active center of the park, near buildings or venues.

Cornejo is readjusting their mining effort to the south portion of the property so that the high activity centers may be started in the first phase. The entire mining effort may take as long as 15 years.

Solter suggested that promotion for the project should begin as soon as possible.

Kupper said the economy is having a significant impact on how fast we will be able to move forward on construction.

Stevens stated that if citizens were presented with this idea, they would be excited and ready to support it. He appreciated the options for solar collection which also served as art pieces, especially the 6 petal blossom LED lighting.

Brown asked the length of the shore line. Silkworth did not have exact length, but stated it was between 5 and 6 miles.

Frye noted that Lake Afton Park is 720 acres with the lake encompassing 258 acres. This park is designed 420 acres with a 215 acre lake. The park would be as large as Central Park in New York City.

Solter asked if a price has been determined for construction of the park. Kupper stated it depended on the quality level of construction, but it would range from 60-100 million. Donors will be essential to the project.

Claycomb stated that downtown development consultants might be asking for a development sales tax. She suggested that a park tax could be attached to this proposal.

Brown stated that the .01 cent sales tax for Kellogg improvements included property tax relief. This is a good sales option to include additional property tax relief in any additional tax.

Kupper stated that .01 cent sales tax would bring in approximately 60 million in one year. ½ would go a long way toward building the park and other necessary improvements to all parks in the city. All recent surveys show citizen support of a sales tax dedicated to better recreation facilities, river access and more trails.

Frye thanked RDG for their presentation and invited all Board members to attend the City Council Workshop tomorrow when RDG will present the Kingsbury Master Plan.

City Council Member Jeff Longwell joined the meeting.

Item 3A: Park Board Bylaws

Frye asked if there were any other comments or questions concerning the revised Bylaws that were reviewed at the September retreat. There were none.

On a motion by Solter, second by Claycomb, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE AND SIGN the revised Bylaws and submit them to City Council for acceptance.

Item 3B: Ordinance 9.03

Roth corrected the District 2 DAB location as Fire Station 20, 2255 S. Greenwich Road.

Frye asked if there were any questions concerning the document or if the Board was ready to approve the draft ordinance with the addition of previous grammatical corrections from Claycomb for public presentation.

Solter offered a motion, second by Brown, to approve draft Ordinance 9.03 for presentation to all DAB's. 6 members approved the motion, Stevens had additional questions.

Stevens stated there were organizational problems with the ordinance and he also had several questions on content. Stevens would like to submit all proposed revisions to Walker/Dickgrafe and have a new revision submitted to the Park Board at the November meeting.

Solter and Brown agreed that any problems should be addressed before presentation to DAB.

Solter rescinded his motion.

On a Motion by Stevens, second by Solter, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to submit all additional changes to staff for a revised draft Ordinance 9.03 to be presented to the Board at the November meeting.

Kupper asked that all revisions be submitted to staff by November 2. This will give staff time to compile the changes before the November 9, 2009 meeting.

Frye asked staff to cancel all scheduled DAB presentations.

Item 3C: 2010 Park Board Goals

Frye asked for revisions to the 2010 Park Board Goals set at the Park Board Retreat.

Stevens asked for Item 1A to include the words, “which will include a maintenance inventory”. Item 1A would then read, Develop an Asset Management Database which will include a maintenance inventory. He also asked for clarification on Item 4.

Frye stated this referred to funding. He asked if he needed to correct the wording or if he just needed personal clarification.

Stevens stated that the clarification would be sufficient.

Kupper stated that a more interactive relationship with state representatives will be helpful to obtain funding or grant opportunities. Being part of the legislative forum will keep everyone informed and working toward the same objectives.

Solter suggested they bring items to the Board, find consensus and direct staff to move forward to the City Council.

Brown asked if action plans were established to accompany the goals.

Frye indicated that the goals would first be adopted and then action plans would be developed to accomplish the goal.

Claycomb asked for clarification on Item 2, SP and SAP.

Kupper stated that the initials are short for Service Plan and Service Action Plan which is how the park receives funding in the budget.

On a motion by Brown, second by Claycomb, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADOPT the 2010 Park Board Goals with the revision that Item 1A reads, Develop an Asset Management Database which will include a maintenance inventory.

Item 3D: Name 55th and Hydraulic

Kupper stated a MOU was established with the Water Department to create this park area. The property is Water Department property. Phil Lambke helped obtain the funding while he was a member of City Council. A playground and parking lot has been installed on the 5 acre site. The Water Department has agreed to provide gray water for trees and turf on the property. Future CIP would install walking paths around the park connecting to existing sidewalks.

Solter stated Phil Lambke’s family is not supportive of naming this area Lambke Park. DAB and the area Neighborhood Association have suggested Big Slough Park.

Frye said the name does not define the area and is not regionally specific. Big Slough Park does not fit the location.

Solter asked for additional time to go back to the Neighborhood Association and DAB to consider alternative names. When a suitable name has been determined, he will bring the item back to the Board for consideration.

Stevens asked if there were any heroic dogs on fire or police to name the Dog Park at Chapin Park.

Kupper said he would ask the fire department for input.

Item 4: Review of Pending Issues

None.

Item 5: Updates from the Director and President

Frye asked for clarification on meeting times. The newly adopted Bylaws move the meeting to 3:00, but is it in effect since it still needs to be approved by City Council.

Kupper said it would not be in effect until approved by City Council, but a motion from the Board could move November's meeting time.

On a motion by Brown, second by Frye, IT WAS APPROVED TO CHANGE THE NOVEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING TIME TO 3:00 P.M. 5 votes to approve, Roth oppose.

Item 6: Issues on the Horizon

None.

Item 7: Adjourn

There being no further business, Frye adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Bryan Frye, President

Lee Ann Sack, Clerk